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Subject: [External] Clear Rate Communications, Inc. Docket No. 2020-171-C
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:11:40 PM
Attachments: [Clear Rate PSC Order Granting Certificate.DOCX](#)

Josh, attached is a revised Proposed Order that I believe has made the suggested changes from ORS. My legal assistant is out today, but we will file this online tomorrow morning. Thank you

From: Minges, Josh <Josh.Minges@psc.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Coble, Robert D. <BCoble@nexsenpruet.com>
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{EXTERNAL EMAIL}

No problem. I'll look for it tomorrow.

Josh

From: Coble, Robert D. <BCoble@nexsenpruet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:00 PM
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Josh, I need to request an extension to file the proposed order as revised until tomorrow, Thursday November 12, 2020. The original date was today. I believe we have made all the changes requested by ORS, and the document is going through a final review. The confusion was my fault entirely. Thanks

From: Michael Bishop <mbishop@clearrate.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Hammonds, Lessie <lhammonds@ors.sc.gov>
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Good morning.

You are correct, Clear Rate Communications does intend to provided retail residential service and therefore, we do intend to comply with the bond requirement, as ordered by the Commission. Accordingly, we will amend and resubmit the proposed order.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

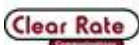
Thank you.

Best regards,

Mike

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On Nov 10, 2020, at 9:47 AM, Hammonds, Lessie <lhammonds@ors.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

It was the understanding of ORS that Clear Rate **does** intend to provide retail residential service, and the bond requirement would apply. If the company does not intend to provide retail residential service, the tariff should be amended to remove the retail residential language. Bob, please contact me so we can address this issue.

Thank you,

Lessie Hammonds

From: Minges, Josh <Josh.Minges@psc.sc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 5:56 PM

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Subject: FW: [External] Clear Rate Communications, Inc. Docket No. 2020-171-C

Parties:

I am writing under Code Section 58-3-260(E) and Section II(C) of the Commission's Ex Parte Guidelines to report an inadvertent ex parte conversation that occurred this morning (November 5, 2020) in Docket No. 2020-171-C (Reseller Application of Clear Rate Communications). The email and my reply can be seen below.

As you can see, my reply was appropriate, but I did not realize the other parties in the docket were not included in the correspondence. Also, note that even though my reply did not include all of the parties, I did have the correspondence sent to the docket for posting at the time of the communication. I was notified of the error by the Clerk's Office this afternoon.

Sincerely,

Josh Minges
Hearing Examiner

From: Minges, Josh

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:39 AM

To: 'Coble, Robert D.' <BCoble@nexsenpruet.com>

Cc: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>

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Hi Bob,

Unfortunately, I can't answer your question because the Commission hasn't voted on this matter yet. Thank for working on the proposed order, if the Commission approves Clear Rate's Application the order in this matter will reflect the Commission's ruling.

I'm sorry that I can't be more specific.

Josh

From: Coble, Robert D. <BCoble@nexsenpruet.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 10:23 AM

To: Minges, Josh <Josh.Minges@psc.sc.gov>

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Josh, I have finished the draft order and a draft of Hearing Exhibit 3 a late-filed exhibit

detailing States in which Clear Rate is certified. One sentence I wanted to run by you before I emailed the order to you was one that waived the bond requirement pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 103-607. Can this be waived permanently. I believe the last order I did in another matter waived the bond requirement until the company provides retail residential local exchange service in South Carolina. If that is not possible I will include the temporary language. Thanks

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